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Attorney General

Please see my comments regarding the Microsoft Settlement

Sincerely,

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am very glad about Microsoft not being split up by the federal government. As president of a network service provider company that depends on standardization, continuity, and reliability, I believe if Microsoft had been broken up requiring me to utilize 3 to 5 different companies for my needs, doing business would be very difficult. This is because things would no longer be one hundred percent compatible.

Microsoft's operating system is a seamless product and is very easy to work with, which allows my company to operate smoothly. To suddenly be forced by the government to alter this system would, quite simply, be extremely strenuous.

I understand some of Microsoft's original adversaries are against the settlement and are trying very hard to disrupt it before the court can finalize it. I suppose this is due to the fact that the government did not break up Microsoft. These entities will not be satisfied and probably will not give up their relentless pursuit until it is. This is unfortunate, because the settlement is totally fair. For example, Microsoft will change its licensing agreements with companies, and redesign Windows operating systems to make non-Microsoft features more accessible. I only hope it is finalized as soon as possible and that you do everything within your power to see that it is. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Rush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

Roger Rush
President

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